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¶1. In response to reftel, Embassy sees no potential U.S. foreign policy concerns regarding NIH's proposed award to the research project entitled "Prospective Studies of Avian Influenza Transmission in Asia," No. AI068803, pending human subject approval. Post understands research institutions involved are the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa and the Naval Medical Research Unit 2 (NAMRU-2) in Jakarta, Indonesia. Please note that this Naval Medical Research laboratory is operated by USG personnel and the principal investigator is a USG employee. Please also note that State 120136 incorrectly lists the laboratory as Naval Medical Research Center Detachment, APO AA 34031, which is for the Naval Laboratory in Peru. The correct listing for Indonesia should be NAMRU-2, FPO AP 96520-8132.

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